GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA

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HANDING OVER OF CLOSED MINES TO STATES
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have recently taken a decision to hand over the closed mines of CIL and its subsidiaries to the State Governments;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and (

(c) the time by which the said decision is likely to be implemented?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COAL (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN)

(a) to (c) On consideration of the request of the Government of Bihar, the Central Government decided in September, 1996 to hand over the closed mines of Jagaldaga, Jainti Central, Jainti Khas, Jainti Jain, Villards, Villards Pvt. Ltd.- I and Villards Pvt. Ltd.- II in the state of Bihar to the Government of Bihar for working through the Bihar State Mineral Development Corporation (BSMDC), an undertaking of the Government of Bihar. However, no decision in general has been taken by the Central Government to hand over the closed coal mines of Coal India Limited (CIL) and its subsidiaries to the State Governments. On compliance of the procedural requirements, previous approval of the Central Government under Section 5(1) of the Mines & Minerals (Development & Regulation) Act, 1957 for grant of coal mining leases to BSMDC in respect of Jagaldaga, Jainti Central, Jainti Khas and Villards have been communicated to the State Government. In respect of other three mines, the Government of Bihar are required to comply with the statutory requirement of preparation of mining plans by a competent person recognised by the Central Government.